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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the patent application of Frank Forrest Humbles, individual and United States citizen, for a **SURGICAL ARM POSITIONING PAD**. Mr. Humbles is an individual and qualifies for small entity status and hereby requests small entity status for payment of reduced fees. Enclosed in this package are:

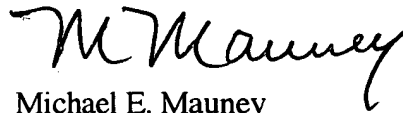
- (a) A specification of 18 pages.
- (b) 12 claims including 2 independent claims.
- (c) Formal drawings consisting of 4 pages.
- (d) An Inventor's Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- (e) An Information Disclosure Statement of 2 pages; a PTO Form 1449 of 1 page; and photocopies of 15 references.
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- (h) A check in the amount of \$385.00.

Pursuant to provisions 37 C.F.R. 110 and 153 Applicant respectfully requests this application be assigned a Serial Number with the filing date of 31 October 2003, the date upon which this application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail. A check for \$ 385.00 is enclosed. It is believed this is the correct filing fee since the application has no more than three independent claims and no more than 20 total claims.

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If there are any further fees or you have questions or comments, please notify me immediately. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter and for your help and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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